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BY HAND

William F. Caton **Acting Secretary** Federal Communications Commission Room 222 1919 M Street, N.W. Washington, D.C. 20554

CS Docket No. 96-46

Implementation of Section 302 of the Telecommunications Act of 1996

Dear Mr. Caton:

Re:

Please accept for inclusion in the record of the above-referenced proceeding the attached letter to James W. Olson, Chief - Competition Division, Office of General Counsel, Cable Services Bureau, from myself on behalf of Rainbow Programming Holdings, Inc.

We are submitting two copies of this notice in accordance with Section 1.1206(a)(1) of the Commission's Rules.

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Should you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact me.

Sincerely,

Donna N. Lampert

cc: Chairman Reed E. Hundt
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Re: CS Docket No. 96-46

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Dear Mr. Olson:

As you requested, attached please find information relating to the interests of Rainbow Programming Holdings, Inc. As we discussed, the Rainbow group encompasses varied interests and partnerships for the diverse video programming holdings. I have also included a chart that delineates some of the outside interests in the partnerships of Rainbow.

Rainbow remains committed to disseminating its programming to consumers and eagerly welcomes the opportunity to explore the utilization of new delivery mechanisms such as Open Video Systems ("OVS"). As the FCC moves forward to promulgate rules relating to OVS, we urge you to bear in mind the incentives and disincentives that your rules may create for independent programmers such as Rainbow to use OVS.

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Should you have any further questions or would like any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

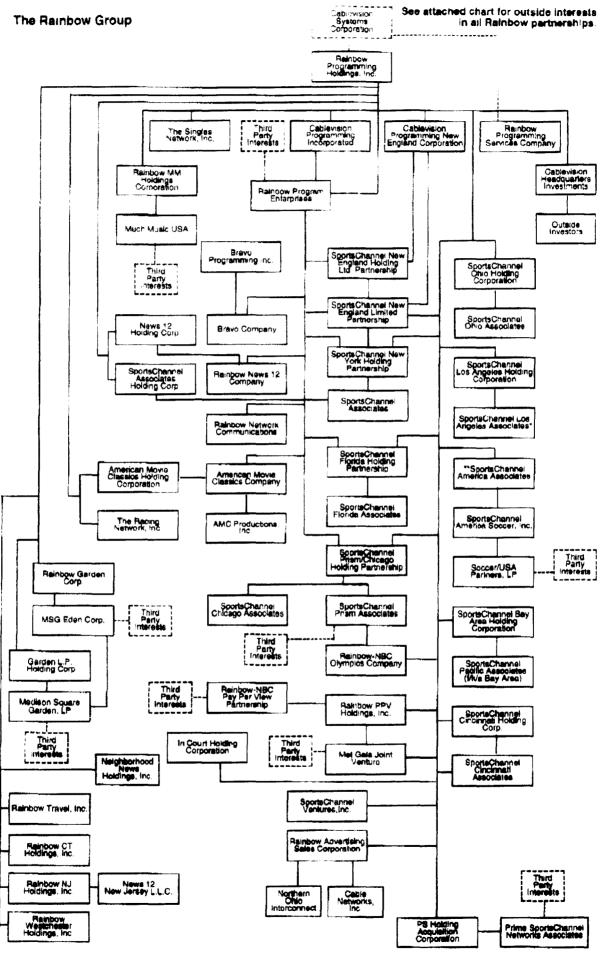
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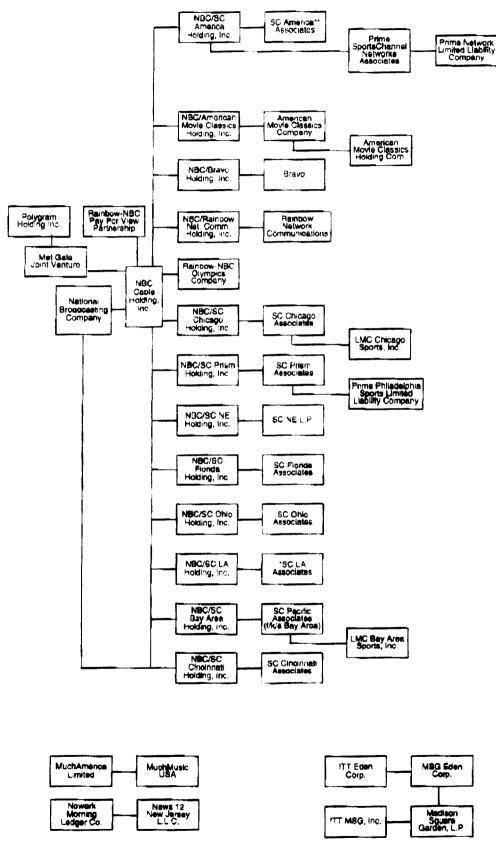


as of January 29, 1996.

^{*}Operations ceased as of 12/31/92.

[&]quot;Substantially all assets transferred to Prime SportsChannel Networks Associates as of 12/31/92.

Outside Interests in The Rainbow Partnerships



as of January 29, 1996.

SC = SportsChannel

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